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SUBJ: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: MARIO FORTINI OF GEPI

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- 1. MARIO M. FORTINI, MANAGER OF THE TECHNOLOGY SCOUTING DE-PARTMENT OF GEPI, A MAJOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED ENTITY OPE-RATING GROUP OF INDUSTRIAL "PROBLEM" COMPANIES (SEE PARA 3), INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO U.S. IN JUNE TO SEEK NEW PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY. WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS POSSIBILITY OF HIS ACTING AS AGENT FOR NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE (NTIS) IN ITALY (SEE REFTEL).
- 2. FORTINI CURRENTLY PLANS STOPS IN LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED HE CALL ON FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM (FBP) AT USDOC, WASHINGTON, AND COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICE IN LA. BEST TIMES FOR APPOINTMENTS ARE JUNE 2 IN LA AND JUNE 9 OR 12 IN DC.
- 3. GEPI IS THE GOVERNMENT'S "SALVAGE" OPERATION FOR MANUFACTURING FIRMS IN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY; TOTAL ANNUAL SALES ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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AROUND 700 MILLION DOLLARS. MAJORITY OF GEPI'S EIGHTY-PLUS COMPONENT COMPANIES ARE SMALL (UNDER 500 EMPLOYEES), LABOR INTENSIVE, AND SHORT ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. MOST ARE IN APPAREL, ELECTRONICS, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, AND SHIP BUILDING SECTORS, ALTHOUGH A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS ARE REPRESENTED. EMBASSY HAS SENT COPIES OF BROCHURE DESCRIBING GEPI TO FBP, THE LA DISTRICT OFFICE, AND NTIS.

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